

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 27-46 are pending, of which claims 1, 27, and 41 are independent. Claim 46 is a new claim added herewith.

The most recent *Office Action* rejected claims 1 and 27-45 solely under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as "being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Specifically, the *Office Action* objected primarily to a number of informalities or word choices requiring correction in the independent claims.

In addition, the *Office Action* objected to a number of wording informalities in the specification.

With this paper, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 27, and 41 to reword claim wording that referenced the terms "in particular," or "such as." Applicant has also amended claim 41 to remove the alternative wording to "a forging machine," and to place this wording in new dependent claim 46. In addition, Applicant has modified claims 1 and 27 to indicate that the handling device handles the "workpiece," rather than the "tool" after determining the position and/or orientation of the tool.

Still further, Applicant has amended the wording of the specification where objected to in the *Office Action*. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the objections or rejections of record has been addressed; and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner finds impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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